

Marylanders Who Served the Nation

A Biographical Dictionary of
Federal Officials
from Maryland

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MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES
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- Education* attended private schools; Princeton College, A.B., 1790; studied law
- Professional Positions* admitted to the bar, 1792; practiced law, Snow Hill; director, Farmers Bank, Easton, Talbot County
- Political Affiliation* Whig
- Maryland Service* House, Worcester County, 1794, 1796-98, 1800, 1802-03, 1808-15, 1817-18, 1820, speaker pro tem, 1815
- National Service* presidential elector, 9th District, 1804; U.S. Representative, 8th District, 20th, 21st Congresses, served from March 1827 to March 1831

Ephraim K. Wilson, Jr.

- Born* December 22, 1821, in Snow Hill, Worcester County
- Died* February 24, 1891, in Washington, D.C.; buried in Makemie Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Snow Hill
- Family* son of **Ephraim K. Wilson, Sr. (1771-1834)** and Ann (Gunby) Wilson
- Married* Mary Ann Dickerson, January 19, 1853; Julia A. Knox, June 1, 1869. Children: William Sidney; Ella K.; Minnie (Nannie) S.; Mary H.; Ethelyn; and Ephraim K., Jr.
- Religion* Presbyterian
- Education* attended Union Academy, Snow Hill; Washington Academy, Princess Anne, Somerset County; graduated, Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, 1840; studied law under John H. Handy
- Professional Positions* store clerk, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1836; teacher, Washington Academy, 1840-46; admitted to the bar, 1848; practiced law, Snow Hill; farmer
- Political Affiliation* Democrat
- Maryland Service* House, Worcester County, 1847; examiner and treasurer, School Board, Worcester County, 1868-69; state director, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, 1870-71; associate justice, 1st Judicial Circuit, 1878-85 (resigned)
- National Service* presidential elector, Worcester County, 1852; U.S. Representative, 1st District, 43rd Congress, served from March 1873 to March 1875; U.S. Senator, 49th, 50th, 51st Congresses, served from March 1885 to February 1891 (died)

Levin Winder

- Born* September 4, 1757, in Somerset County
- Died* July 1, 1819, in Baltimore; buried in First Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Baltimore; reinterred on his estate on Monie Creek near Princess Anne, Somerset County
- Family* son of William and Esther (Gillis) Winder

- Married* Mary Stoughton Sloss, May 13, 1790. Children: William Sidney; Edward Stoughton; and Mary Ann
- Religion* Presbyterian
- Education* studied law
- Military Service* 1st lieutenant, Fifth Company, Smallwood's Battalion, January 1776; captain, 1st Maryland Regiment, December 1776; major, 4th Maryland Regiment, 1777; lieutenant-colonel, 2nd Maryland Regiment, 1781, transferred to 1st Maryland Regiment; discharged, 1783; major-general, 2nd Division, Maryland Militia, commissioned 1794
- Professional Positions* planter
- Political Affiliation* Federalist
- Maryland Service* House, Somerset County, 1789-93, 1806-09, speaker, 1791-93, 1808-09; trustee, Washington Academy, Somerset County, 1797-1819; Maryland Senate elector, Somerset County, 1796, 1801, 1806; governor, 1812-16
- National Service* presidential elector, 1792

William Wirt

- Born* November 8, 1772, near Bladensburg, Prince George's County
- Died* February 18, 1834, in Washington, D.C.; buried in the National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.
- Family* son of Jacob and Henrietta Wirt
- Married* Mildred Gilmer, May 28, 1795; Elizabeth Washington, September 7, 1802. Children: Laura Henrietta; Robert Gamble; Emily; Betsy; Elizabeth Gamble; Catherine G.; Rosa E.; Ellen Tazewell; Dabney Carr; Agnes C.; Henry G.; and William C.
- Religion* Presbyterian
- Education* attended Rev. James Hunt's Academy, Montgomery County, 1783-87; studied law under William P. Hunt, Montgomery County, 1789, and Thomas Swann, Leesburg, Virginia, ca. 1790
- Professional Positions* admitted to the bar, 1792; practiced law, Culpepper and Richmond, Virginia, 1792; admitted to the Baltimore bar, 1818; author and essayist
- Political Affiliation* Democratic-Republican; anti-Masonic, 1832
- National Service* U.S. Attorney General, 1817-29; candidate for president on anti-Masonic ticket, 1832; U.S. district attorney for Virginia, 1816
- Other Service* clerk, House of Delegates, Virginia, ca. 1800; chancellor, eastern district, House of Delegates, 1802; prosecuting attorney in trial of Aaron Burr, 1807